

Cathy Shearer



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Speaker Bio:



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Students at Waimate High
School**

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Enhancing Student Experience
by Creating a Student Centred
Approach

Cathy Shearer is the Director of International Students at Waimate High School. She has been working in international education for over thirty years. She started her career at Lincoln University as the Admissions Officer, then at Aoraki Polytechnic in International Administration. She worked in the international department at Roncalli College for 20 years, first as the International Student Administrator, and then as the Director of International Students. She also has significant experience as a Careers advisor.

Cathy enjoys being collegial; she is always willing to share her expertise and support her colleagues and she has been a tireless advocate for international education in her region. Her students are always at the forefront of everything she does. Cathy prides herself on offering quality pastoral care and supportive academic counselling for her students. She is passionate about offering enriching and diverse programmes for her students, this includes an 'End of Year' programme that offers a blend of academic outcomes, opportunities to explore the outdoors and unique experiences in the local region.